

MINING NEWS Here and Elsewhere

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LATE MINING NEWS

FROM YAVAPAI COUNTY

(By P. R. MILNES)

With the mentioning of the name of "Yavapai County, Arizona", today the names of at least two mines, not to cite others, are well known to thousands of persons in the United States and Canada. One of those, the United Verde Extension, has brought countless wealth to those, who a few years were wondering whether that little scrap of paper called stock, which they hold in their possession would really be valuable. Little did they realize that the then "mere prospect" would develop, within a span of but two years, into a mine producing 50,000,000 pounds of copper per year. The United Verde, is as important, but not perhaps as interesting to the same number, in view of the fact that with the exception of a few shares of stock, the entire control is owned by Ex-Senator W. A. Clark. But it is still a matter of general information that the mountains of Yavapai are dotted with not yet famous mines, possessing as great intrinsic possibilities as were evidenced years ago by their now celebrated neighbors. The Consolidated Arizona Smelting Company, located at Humboldt, Arizona, under the capable management of G. M. Colvocoresses is making splendid progress today and is rated with the two big producers favorably. The Arizona-dinghampton at Stoddard and the Commercial Mining Company, Copper Basin, represent two properties which are producing and making excellent showing, under the capable direction of George Johnson and A. B. Peach, respectively.

The seven mining counties in the State of Arizona, represent \$654,957,350.35 of the state's total assessed valuation, \$834,020,582.22. In this list Cochise county ranks first with an assessed valuation of \$169,348,466.17, Gila second, with \$165,647,782.48 and Yavapai County third, \$130,575,381.62.

According to these figures, the mining counties will pay into the state treasury on the tax rate of 39 cents on the \$100 of valuation, in round numbers about \$2,700,000. These figures provide strong documentary and cash confirmation of the claims advanced as to the vital importance of the mining industry in Arizona. The State would have only about one-fifth of the money it needs to conduct its business if the mining counties were eliminated from returns with their mines. The valuation of the latter rests upon the amount of metal they are able to get out. With one single exception there is no copper district in the state that does not reasonably have expectancy of more than fifty years of further of highly active life. The single exception can look forward to more than a quarter of a century of additional high activity.

Railroad income, money in trade channels and in the banks is proportionate to the figures shown in the returns of valuation from the mining counties. They are responsible for at least one-fifth of all the business originating in the state and for equally as much of all the money in the banks and for considerably more than that proportion of the business which makes it possible for railroads to operate in Arizona.

Broadly speaking the ledges so far discovered in Yavapai County lie in near three mountain ranges; the great Yavapai Schist Belt, with which the name of the United Verde and United Verde Extension mines must always be identified; the Bradshaw range and the Sierra Prieta mountains.

ALL PURCHASES OF GOLD FROM THE UNITED STATES MUST HAVE LICENSES

The government has placed a ban on the purchase of gold from the United States mints or assay offices without license therefore. The cause of this order is the growing necessity of gold for monetary consumption. Gold is getting scarce for coinage and every ounce must be conserved to further the position of the United States in the financial world.

DR. BOWES MEETS SOME MOHAVE CO.

Dr. Bowes on his recent trip to San Francisco met several Mohave County boys. One evening as he and Mrs. Bowes were entering a theater he was accosted by a young man in officers uniform and turning found to his surprise that it was Lou (let'er rip). After leaving Oatman he had gone to Alaska and when the war broke out came to San Francisco and joined the navy, in which he had served 4 years previously. He is now a petty officer, Doc Lyons is also in the navy.

Ed, Hammerbeck formerly of Oatman is head miller in a flour mill at San Francisco employing nearly a thousand men and Charlie Flynn is at the head of one of the departments of the Scott Ship yards. Both men have done remarkably well.

HACKBERRY MILL MAY BE OPERATING IN 60 DAYS

F. W. Sherman, who has been directing the erection of the big milling plant at Hackberry for the Hackberry Consolidated Mines Company, was a Kingman visitor this week. He reports that the company now has its mill buildings and power house enclosed and that the machinery will be installed as fast as received. All the machinery is expected to be shipped by the 15th and may be here by the first of the coming month. It is now probable that the mill will be in commission within the next 60 days.

HOME PASTIME SHIPS A CARLOAD OF ORE

J. W. Frisk, who has been operating the Home Pastime mine, at Mineral Park, the past several months, has just shipped a carload of ore to the smelter. The ore is rich in silver and carries a small amount of gold. The ore was taken from the upper levels, where a large tonnage of ore was found in the early days. The Home Pastime is really one of the chloriding properties in the Mineral Park section and ought to be turning out a considerable tonnage monthly. The winze should be carried down on the ore body and faulting traced out. The vein system indicates great possibilities for the property if proper development is carried on.

COL. RANKIN TAKES TEN YEAR LEASE ON PAYROLL

Col. J. C. Rankin, who has been making Chloride his home the past year or more, has taken a ten year lease on the Payroll and Marybelle mines. A big bore tunnel is now being driven into the Payroll ground that will tap the ore body at depth and enable the extraction of ore without the expense of handling the big body of water that was struck at the 400 in the Payroll. The upper tunnel was driven on the vein and was in ore for a long distance. It was to tap this ore body that the present shaft was sunk and the crosscut run. The crosscut reached the vein in a bad break and the people having the mine under option discontinued work. Under the ownership of T. P. Scott a fine body of lead-zinc ore was opened.

With a deep opening in the vein the property ought to become one of the largest shippers in the county. The ore is good and properly handled the mine should be a winner. Col. Rankin has had wide experience in the handling of mines and mills and we expect big results from his management.

SEVEN SACKS HIGH GRADE NET \$119

Sam Myers, one of the old time miners of Chloride, lost week shipped seven sacks of ore to the smelter that netted him \$119, a rather good return for that amount of rock. Myers has been prospecting the country from Chloride to Utah and down toward Mexico and has found many good things in his day and we hope that he now has the one big property that will put him in the millionaire class.

Warren Mining District Starts Educational Work

The Board of Directors of the Warren District Y. M. C. A. have authorized cooperative work with the Bisbee High School, and plans are now under way for a most complete selection of evening school courses which will be known as the Hi-Y courses.

Courses will be given during the winter season in Americanization, auto repairing, stenotype, typewriting, printing, telegraphy, radio buzzer work, mechanical drawing, machine lathe work, chemistry, physics, assaying, geology, Spanish, French, and mathematics. This is in addition to the usual educational work and lecture program of the "Y".

The work will be under the direction of Mr. Bowles, who has come recently from the Los Angeles Y. M. C. A., an organization renowned for the excellence of its educational work. By this work the residents of the Warren District are given the opportunity of improving themselves, as well as learning trades that are needed at this time for war service.

The educational work has been very popular during past seasons, and the expansion of the work this year is welcomed by the ambitious men and women of the district.

Our idea of nothing worth worrying about is the expected coup over the Chinese presidency.

ARIZONA BUTTE TO START WORK AGAIN ON BIG BORE

This Means Much to Stockton Hill as it Will Allow Extensive Development Below the Water Level

J. M. Crowther, of the Arizona Butte Mining company, arrived from the east Tuesday night, where he had been in conference with the people having the financing of the company in hand. He reports that the work of getting the finances of the corporation in shape to begin the driving of the tunnel under the gridiron of veins is so far advanced that the resumption of work on the bore will be commenced as soon as the necessary supplies can be forwarded to the camp.

The driving of this big tunnel means much to Kingman and to Stockton Hill, as it will reach far under the present workings of the hundred of rich claims and make possible the employment of many hundreds of miners and tributaries. The draining of the area will aid in the opening of the other properties and allow of shipment of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc ore to the smelters. Stockton Hill has always been one of the richest sections of the Wallapai district, but the sinking of shafts below the water level has made the extraction of ore an expensive proposition. With the tunnel carried into the mineralized area and crosscutting of the country all the rich veins will be available to the miner and costs will be cut in two. As Kingman is the nearest point to this big ore zone it will be directly benefited by the development of the mines.

The Arizona Butte is the owner of a large estate and its property is the most desirable in the whole region. Some of the veins will be cut at depths of 1000 feet or better, while many of the farther north claims will be reached at greater depth.

DOWN TO "LAST BEANS" FINDS A RICH NUGGET

The Prescott Journal Miner states that recently a miner who had been unsuccessful and who was down to his last pot of beans, stumbled onto a gold nugget that weighed up \$165, in the Rich Hill region of Yavapai county. The man had been prospecting over the country that gave up many thousands of dollars in the early days and in passing down over the rough country on the Stanton side, saw the nugget sparkling through the dirt. There have been many such incidents in that rich region and it is to be hoped that this will not be the last nugget that will be picked up by some needy prospector.

A LETTER FROM ONE OF OUR NEWER RESIDENTS

Editor Mohave County Miner,

Kingman, Arizona.

My Dear Sir: When a newcomer arrives in town, there are certain things that impress him, which perhaps the old resident overlooks. And while first impressions are subject to subsequent revision, they nevertheless have a more or less lasting effect.

This is not the beginning of a sermon, but merely an endeavor to express one or two ideas which I think are apropos.

Civic pride, is a great asset to any community; but especially so to a young country not yet fully developed. While it cannot be measured in dollars and cents, its effects are nevertheless far reaching.

There ought to be an organized chamber of commerce, composed of energetic people who believe in this section, and are willing to give some of their time to the work. It makes no difference how good a country is, and what advantages it has to offer, it needs advertising, it needs boosting. This section most assuredly has plenty of inducements to offer, both to the investor and the settler. But it lacks enterprise and "pep." Now, I'll supply my share of "pep" if others will join me. There is absolutely no excuse for stagnation here in any line. And that bring me to my subject, namely, music.

Every town that is worthy of the name, has its band and orchestra. A community is rated according to the extent of its interest in education, art, and music. You have the material here for building up a fine musical organization; all you need is the awakening of a little interest.

I have had experience both as a player and director of orchestras, and I have a library of fine music. I am willing to donate my time and energy towards building up an orchestra, or any other musical organization. But I must have the support of people interested in music—not merely players, mind you, but the community generally.

I am writing this in the hopes that it will bring this matter before the public.

Thanking you for your kind offer of the columns of your paper, I am Very sincerely yours, HENRY J. DUBIN

W. D. GRANNIS OPENING MOLYBDENITE MINES

W. D. Grannis and Porfirio Noli returned the first of the week from the molybdenite mines in Deluge Wash, where they completed the sinking of a 50 foot winze on one of the Grannis group. They brought with them samples of molybdenite and copper ore that looked exceptionally good. From appearance of the samples we would judge that another 50 feet would bring the winze into a much better grade of ore, as the samples show considerable leaching.

The group of claims, which were recently bonded to California people, is in one of the best mineralized sections of Cedar Valley district and development ought to bring in some good producers. The ore carries values in molybdenite and copper, and is similar to all the ores along the big Copperville dike.

ARIZONA VENTURE CO. SOON TO BE FINANCED

George Hill, who is managing the Arizona Venture properties, in the lower end of Deluge Wash, is a Kingman man and reports that Charles H. Wassinger is in the east and has secured large financial help for the development of the company's property.

The Arizona Venture was recently reorganized and will soon be on a strong financial basis. The property has been opened to the 400 and the drifts have been carried to within a short distance of the ore body. This ore body shows on the surface and is of immense size. The company has been using every dollar raised by stock sales for the development of the property, and it is now in shape to make future work count in the opening of the ore bodies.

MAKES TRIP TO COAST TO INTEREST CAPITAL

Adam Mason, owner of desirable mining properties in the molybdenite section of Cedar district, is visiting with friends in Los Angeles. It is probable that he will be able to secure sufficient capital to continue the work of developing his mining properties to a considerable depth below the present workings. Some of his ore is very rich in molybdenite and with greater depth it is to be expected that it will show larger increase.

WORK ON WALNUT CREEK PROPERTY IS PROGRESSING

Walter Tate and associates, who have the contract to complete a long tunnel into the mountain to tap the copper veins of the Walnut Creek Mining Company, were in Kingman, Tuesday last to vote and also to remain over until after registration day.

Mr. Tate reports that the tunnel has reached a depth of 600 feet and that many stringers of good ore have been cut. It is expected that the main vein will be reached about 750 feet in, and where the big ore bodies are believed to exist. The Company can get a larger depth by driving along the vein when it is reached and thus open great backs of ore.

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A RICH STRIKE REPORTED AT THE FESSENDON MINE

Mark A. Fessenden, who formerly operated the Fessenden mines, at Oatman, is engineer for the Kay Copper company, in Yavapai county. George W. Long is the general manager of this company. A rich strike is reported to have been made in the mines a week ago.

ORE AT BERKELY MINE BETTER THAN \$30 A TON

The new shaft on the Berkeley mine has reached a depth of 40 feet and is in ore that will average above \$500. The work of carrying this shaft below the present level is being carried on with dispatch, and a hoisting plant will be installed as soon as it reaches the water level. In the old shaft the drift is carried off along the 100 level and good ore is being found everywhere. Mr. Sparks, who is managing the developments, feels sure that he has the making of an excellent property.

OATMAN STOCKS ARE STRONGER

Following are the sales for the past week of the Oatman stocks in Oatman and Los Angeles and the latest quotations as furnished by Black Bros. Brokers.

Adams	.02
Alcyone	.15
Argo	.04
Gold Ore	.05%
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